

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

INTEGRATED SAMPLE-PROCESSING SYSTEM

the specification of which: (check one)

X is attached hereto.
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below and under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States applications listed below. Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States provisional applications and United States applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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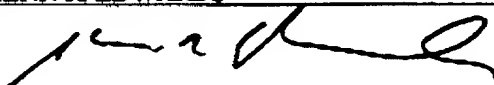


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